

REMARKS

Claims 60-77 are pending. Claims 19-59 have been canceled and new claims 60-77 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the January 04, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19, 22-27, 29-42, 44-51, 53, 55, 56, and 58 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,345,294 to O'Toole ("the O'Toole reference"). The Examiner rejected claims 20, 21, 28, 43, 52, 54, 57, and 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the O'Toole reference in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,968,126 to Hubacher ("the Hubacher reference"). All of the rejected claims have been canceled.

In response to a telephone call with the Examiner in which the Examiner stated the limitations of claims 1-18 (which were canceled in response to an earlier restriction requirement) do not appear to be taught by the O'Toole or Hubacher references, claims 1-18 have been added as claims 60-77 have been added and are based on original claims 1-18.

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Applicants believe that claims 60-77 distinguish over the references of record. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application is other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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